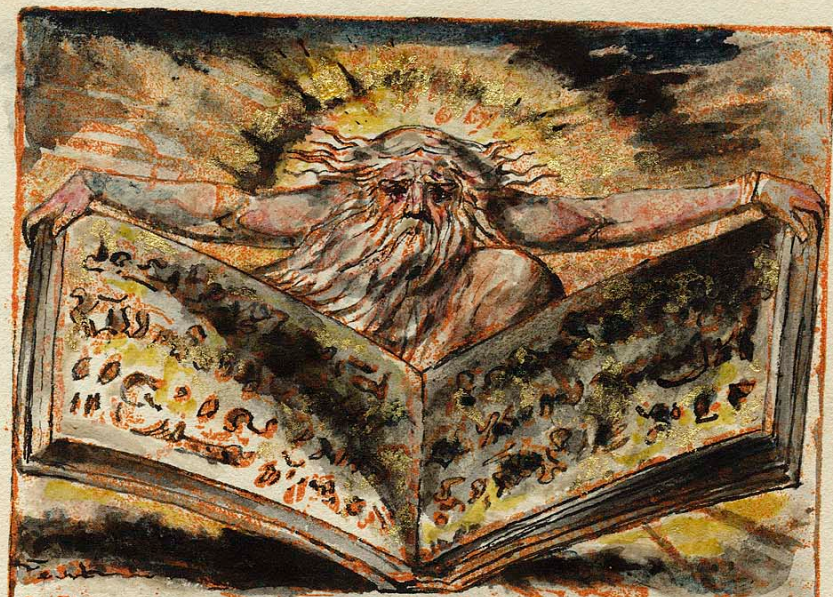




In living creations appeared
 In the flames of eternal fury.
 2. Dundering, darkening, dundering,
 Went away with a terrible crash
 Eternity rolled wide apart
 Wide asunder rolling
 Fountainous all around
 Departing, departing, departing,
 Leaving ruinous fragments of life
 Tossing, tossing, dills & ash between
 An ocean of minnows unloamable
 4. The roaring fires ran o'er the heaving
 In whirlwinds & eddies of blood
 Laid o'er the dark deserts of Urizen
 Bred o'er thro' the wild on all sides
 On Urizen's self-begotten armies
 5. But no light from the fires, all was
 In the flames of Eternal fury
 6. In fierce anguish & quenchless
 flames
 To the deserts and rocks he ran
 To hide, but he could not; combining
 He dug mountains & hills in vast strength
 He piled them in incessant labour
 In knowledge & pain & fierce madness
 Long periods in burning fires, labouring
 Till heavy and age-brake, and aged
 In despair and the shadows of death
 7. And a roof vast, petrific around,
 On all sides he travell'd like a wamb;
 Where thousands of rivers in rains
 Of blood pour down the mountains to cool
 The eternal fires' beating without
 From Eternals; & like a black globe
 View'd by sons of Eternity, standing
 In the shore of the infinite ocean
 Like a human heart struggling & beating
 The vast world of Urizen appear'd.
 8. And last round the dark globe of
 Urizen
 Kept watch for Eternals to confine,
 The obscure separation alone;
 For Eternity stood wide apart.